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First State Bank

(Successors to W. S. Turck & Co.)

CAPITAL, \$30,000
SURPLUS, \$14,000

A. W. WRIGHT, President.
W. M. TURCK, Vice-President.
ELY BREWBAKER, Cashier.

A General Banking Business transacted.
Money loaned on approved notes and real estate.
Interest paid on time deposits.

The Alma State Savings Bank

ALMA, MICH.

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Surplus, \$5,000.00

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F. R. Hathaway, Vice President.
Jas. W. Robinson, Vice-President.
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ALMA, MICH.

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ALMA, MICH.

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DR. E. T. Lamb, office in Bahlke building.
Office hours, 10 to 12 a. m., 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p. m. Night calls at office.

JAS. G. KRESS, Attorney and Solicitor.
Office, 4 and 5 opera house block, Alma, Mich.
Phone No. 16. Practice in Circuit, State and United States Courts.

BERT HAYES, Attorney at Law and Solicitor.
Office in Chancery. Circuit Court Commissioner for Gratiot County, Michigan. Office in New Polksky Block, Alma, Mich.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to all persons having property liable to be assessed for school purposes in District No. one (1) fractional of Area 24 and Pine River townships, county of Gratiot State of Michigan, and residing therein, that pursuant to a call issued by the School Board of said district, a meeting will be held in the High School room in the Union School building in said district Monday evening, March 20th, 1905, for the purpose of settling the question of bonding said district in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to aid in the construction of an eight (8) room school building in said district. The meeting will be called to order at 7:30 p. m. standard time and the polls will be opened at 7:30 p. m. standard time and remain open continuously until 9:30 p. m. standard time of said day.

By order of district board, given by resolution adopted at an adjourned regular meeting held March 15th, 1905.

Posted March 15th, 1905.

A PLEASANT EVENING.

Emerson Lodge Entertained Their Neighbors Saturday Morning.

Saturday evening March 4, was a gala one for Emerson lodge 375 I. O. O. F. They entertained visitors from seven lodges as follows: Alma, Ithaca, St. Louis, Millbrook, Breckenridge, North Star and Edgewood. The initiation and first degree work was done on three candidates from Emerson lodge and was done in a manner that brought great credit to Alma lodge, who did the work. There were forty-eight present from Alma. Supper was served by the Rebekahs after the completion of the work.

Churches and Societies

REVIVAL MEETINGS.

Ajt. Geo. Bennard, of Detroit, will assist the Methodist church in a two weeks' revival campaign, beginning next Sunday. All Christians are cordially invited to unite in these services.

The Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. Millson R. Wilson, Monday March 20th, at 2:45 standard time. Leader, Mrs. Dingwell, study, "Othello," Act 2, Scene 3. Act III, Scene 1, 2, 3 to line 156.

The next meeting of the Bay View Club will be held at the home of Mrs. Geo. Biddson, on Monday, March 20.

"The Duty to Provide for Your Own." Sunday morning subject at the Baptist church. "Can a Person be Just as good a Christian out of the church as in it?" evening subject.

Quarterly meeting services will begin Friday evening, this week at the Free Methodist church, continuing over the Sabbath. Rev. J. A. Hudnutt, Presiding Elder will have charge of the services. Come one, come all to this feast of the Lord.

CELEBRATION IN THE SOUTH

Enos H. Kimmel Writes a Newsy Letter From New Orleans to the Record.

CITY HAS DISASTROUS FIRE

The Mardi Gras Festivities Are Now On and City is Decorated With Flags and Bunting.

NEW ORLEANS, MARCH 2, 1905.

EDITOR OF ALMA RECORD:
If you will allow me space I will write a short letter. On the 26th of February New Orleans was visited by the most disastrous fire it ever had. The loss was over five million dollars with four million insurance.

The fire started at the Illinois Central railroad docks, four miles up the river from Canal street, and burned a half mile of docks, 500 freight cars, the great grain elevators containing five hundred thousand bushels of wheat and corn and five thousand bales of cotton, beside rice, sugar and molasses that will amount to a half million dollars. The fire burned four blocks back from the river, and a length of half a mile, the burned district covering seventy acres. All this territory was covered by store houses. The docks were lined with vessels when the fire started and two that were not steamed up suffered heavy loss. One large Italian ship had all her masts and life boats burned off and her steel platings warped. A tug came to her rescue and took her away under a sheath of flames. Seventy-five dwelling houses were burned—this was at the southwestern limits of the city where they are all wooden buildings. The wind fanned the flames toward the river which is all that saved this city from a fatal fire as that of Chicago or Baltimore. Owing to the narrow streets the intense heat ignited buildings thirty feet away contrary to the wind.

Canal street now resembles a grand stand at a race track. The city is lined with bunting and flags and the streets are jammed with a mass of humanity. Mardi Gras is on now but the principle day is Shrove Tuesday, March 7. Mardi Gras is a Catholic festival of French origin and comes on the last Tuesday before Lent. "Mardi" is meat "Gras" is fat, so we say fat meat, or pork. After this the Catholics eat no pork for a certain length of time. The front of the Royal Hotel has twenty-nine arched double doors with transoms and eighty windows. I attended Catholic services in the old Cathedral but was sadly disappointed because the priest preached in French and the beautiful singing was in French, so I didn't get much out of the services.

The Cruiser Brooklyn is now anchored in the river. This is her first trip up the Mississippi. She is an ugly looking dog, but was Admiral Schley's flag ship during the Spanish American war. In 1849 this city secured an appropriation of three million dollars for a custom house. In those days the South controlled the United States and could get for any amount they asked for. But for forty years past the tables have changed, and they feel it as did the North when they had the Fugitive Slave Law passed in 1854, compelling the North to be servants for slave holders in catching their slaves. Now the North gets the cream and the South the skimmed milk. The contract for building this custom house was let to General Buregard, the man who fired the first cannon in the Civil War. The building covers a whole square and is three stories high, built of well-dressed grey granite blocks, some three feet square, and sixteen feet long. On the second floor is a marble hall that runs to the roof which is flowered glass. There are fourteen corrugated marble pillars—four feet long and four feet in diameter. All floors are marble and the lower floor is the postoffice and vaults.

They claim six million bales of cotton have been marketed here this season. To day mercury is 58.

ENOS H. KIMMEL.

TO BOND FOR \$40,000

For the Purpose of Building a Court House to locate to the County.

The city of Greenville voted Monday on the question of bonding itself for \$40,000 to be used in building a court house for Montcalm county, in case the county seat is removed from Stanton to Greenville. The vote stood 634 yes, and 95 no.

At the April election the county will vote on the question of bonding for the same sum for the same purpose. Greenville will make a strong fight to persuade the voters to reject the county bonding proposition and they express their preference for moving the county seat. Should they succeed in this, definite action in regard to the court house will have to wait another year, till the question of the location of the county seat can be submitted to the people. And in the meantime it would be a question whether the necessary two-thirds of the board of supervisors could be induced to submit the question of location to the people.

FIRE AT ST. LOUIS.

A defective pipe was the cause of a fire at St. Louis yesterday at nine o'clock which destroyed Brewer & Son's meat market, and the Bicycle Exchange, who were heavy losers to the amount of \$1,000, their insurance having run out last week. L. Holmes and family occupied living rooms over the meat market and suffered an entire loss.

Col. Saviers owned the buildings and he is now in Florida. The total loss is estimated at \$3,000.

CITY ELECTION NOTICE

To the Electors of the City of Alma, Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that the first election for the City of Alma, Michigan, under its charter, will be held on

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 1905,

at the places in the several wards, hereinafter designated, at which election the following city officers will be elected: City Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer, Two Justices of the Peace to fill vacancy (three months), One Justice of the Peace for two years, One Justice of the Peace for four years. Also there are for each of the several wards, to be elected One Supervisor, One Alderman for one year, One Alderman for two years, and One Constable.

Also at said election, in addition to the several amendments to be voted upon, there are to be elected state and other officers as follows: One Justice of the Supreme Court, Two Regents of the State University, One Member of the State Board of Education, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Patrick H. Kelly, and One Circuit Judge for the 29th Judicial Circuit of Michigan, composing the counties of Clinton and Gratiot.

The places for holding the election in the said several wards in said city, are as follows:

WARD NO. 1. In the City Hall.

WARD NO. 2. 2nd floor Lee Mercantile Co.'s Store, over dress goods department; stairway entrance from sidewalk.

WARD NO. 3. Dunham building, 3rd door west of Record Office.

WARD NO. 4. In the Sharp building on Superior street, west; formerly occupied by Davis Bros.' Barber shop.

By Authority, W. W. KINCH, City Clerk.

Dated March 15th, 1905.

CITY REGISTRATION NOTICE.

To the Electors of the City of Alma, Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that the several Boards of Registration in and for the city of Alma, Michigan, will be in session in their respective wards, on

SATURDAY, APRIL 1st, 1905,

from 8 o'clock in the forenoon until 8 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, (standard time) for the purpose of making a registration of the electors of the city of Alma, and no person can be permitted to vote at the election to be held in said city, on Monday, April 3rd, 1905, who is not registered.

Said Boards of Registration will hold their respective sessions in the following designated places, in the several wards of said city, to-wit:

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By Authority, W. W. KINCH, City Clerk.

Dated, March 15th, 1905.

OUR PROGRESSIVE FARMER

North Shade and Bloomer Farmers Discuss Farm Topics, Penal Institutions.

HAVE PARLIAMENTARY DRILL.

Program Interspersed With Readings and Music—Meeting at the Home of A. L. Bemis.

The regular March meeting of the North Shade Farmers' Club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bemis, Friday. Several Bloomer farmers and their wives as well as some retired farmers living in the village were present. The usual picnic dinner was served at noon and the discussion of the program was taken up. On account of illness the Stonebrook orchestra was unable to be present. Does Michigan Need a Penal Institution Exclusively for Women, was assigned A. L. Bemis, and he said that with the care that the state gives her criminals he thinks it would be better to provide a separate institution for women. With the number of institutions already provided a new one would not be necessary, but arrangements could be made for quartering them in some already established prison. So far the state has made arrangements with the Detroit House of Correction for the care of about sixty of these criminals and they are used on contract labor there. The state pays a certain sum per day for their maintenance, and the total expense to the state is about \$1800 per year. If separate institutions were provided for them other lines of work can be introduced for them. A general discussion followed and the general opinion seemed to be that the state might afford to use one of its institutions for women exclusively.

General vs. Special Farming, was taken up by Jas. Stonebrook. He said as a rule farmers try to farm too much ground. With the present price of help, and the difficulty everyone finds in getting it, the farmer who tills a few acres well has as much profit at the end of the year as he has who hires more help and tills more acres. Daniel Spiece agreed with the speaker and favors smaller farms with better tillage. He made a humorous hit on the habit some farmers have of announcing in the fall that they have sowed a large acreage and when harvest comes the number of acres shrinks about half.

There was a little talk as to whether special farming means the exclusive cultivation of one or two crops, after which James Cusic gave an excellent talk on the Features of Special Farming Best Adapted to Michigan Agriculture. He said that the average farmer cannot

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"JOHNNY ON THE SPOT."

Pupils of the Alma Schools are Well Stocked With That Quality.

The list of pupils who are neither absent or tardy seems to grow each month, and it speaks well for the discipline of the schools. The habit of promptness is thus almost unconsciously acquired and its value in after life is almost inestimable. The only inducement offered the pupils for this seeming effort is a half holiday.

EIGHTH GRADE.
Karl Adams, Irene Arndt, George Argent, James Argent, Henry Broese, Lena Boyce, Iva Clow, Maude Hooper, Allan Hooper, Arthur Hutchings, Leonie Messinger, Paul O'Hara, Charlotte Smith, Marion Spinney, Harrie Willard, Barbara Wynne, Barton Young.

SEVENTH GRADE.
George Button, Wm. Clubb, Myrtle Creaser, Homer Dunham, Fenton Fishbeck, Reuben Gillett, James Houser, Paul Kress, Howard McNamara, Ivon Nelson, Lola Sipe, Walter Struble, Warren Struble, Benah Weaver, Harold Wilson.

SIXTH GRADE.
Marcella Adams, Rena Allen, Edna Alverson, Ruth Blackledge, Kathryn Curran, Alger Clark, Clyde Crocker, Ray Cameron, Marjorie Delavan, Lester Fishbeck, Roy Gulick, Ford Gargett, Edith Hooper, Hazel Latimer, Hazel McGrath, Eva Mack, Bernice Pollasky, June Popp, Milan Ray, Arnold Robinson, Anna Stewart, Mark Spinney, Queen Strong, Lela Shields, Mabel Wynne, Clyde Weaver.

FIFTH GRADE.
Edward Bahlke, Albert Carter, Paul Clark, Pearl Epler, John Gaffney, Helen Latimer, Clara Nesbitt, Charles Oliver.

FOURTH GRADE.
Ida Atkinson, Pearl Bortles, Deane Cowdery, Bertie Clubb, Floyd Conklin, Willie Eastlick, Vida Greig, Iva Hooper, Glenn Hulse, Emma Hamner, Willie Lott, Florence Lutz, Reginald McClinton, Orris Phinney, Leo Rowley, Miriam Tinker, Elfreda Udelle, Helen Willard.

THIRD GRADE.
Laura Amsbury, Willie Atkinson, Irene Dallas, Lorin Eastlick, Edna Enlick, Viola Fink, Florence Harrison, Austin Howe, Clarence Hultz, Louise Holzheuer, Walter Lewis, Leo McCarty, Mina Montigel, Homer Marvin, Frankie Moore, Earl Nicholson, Josie Stearns, Ralph Tinkham, Bennie Thompson.

SECOND GRADE.
Bernice Bailey, Clarence Banghart, Max Biddson, Willie King, Lucie Lee, Elsie Lindner, Lala Latimer, Elaine Losey, Nettie Lewis, Allen Morey, Adra Miller, Fern Nelson, Nellie Nelson, Edward Smith, Martha Windiale, Tinker Gladys Thompson.

FIRST GRADE.
Dorothy Schwartz, Albert Atkinson, Caris Sartor, Leon Turberg, Clarence Fishbeck, Frankie Francisco, Harry McCoy, Harlo Smith, Merlin Richards, Beverly McCarty, George Cameron, Pearl Mosher, Lucy Lindner.

FIRST GRADE A.
Raymond Barber, Milton Dallas, Vernon Elliott, Don Fuller, George Hooper, Lewis Isham, Thelma Lindsay, Elsie More, Clyde Marvin, Ernest Phinney.

GETTING READY FOR BUSINESS.

Plans are all Well Under Way for First Election in the City of Alma.

The necessary steps for the changes from village to city government began Saturday morning, when a meeting of the Township Board was held in the office of J. D. Spinney. The resignation of C. L. Delavan, as supervisor, and Caris Brown as clerk, were accepted and Rollin Wood and P. J. Adams appointed in their place. Those two officers with J. J. Sartor, now constitute the Township Board. They met Tuesday afternoon, in Ex-Judge Spinney's office and issued registration notices and election calls, which appear elsewhere in the columns of the Record.

The city is now without a resident justice, as the new arrangement leaves vacant the offices of justices Chadwick, Spinney and Palmer, and cases which come on for trial before April 3, will be heard before township justice J. J. Sartor. The disqualified justices have turned over all books and papers relating to their offices to township clerk Adams.

The first meeting of the common council for the City of Alma occurred Monday morning for the purpose of appointing a Board of Election Commissioners, who are J. G. Kress, C. F. Brown and A. J. Hall. The election inspectors for the four wards are as follows:

1st Ward.—D. P. Struble, Otto Sanderhoff, Ezra Smith, Bert Hayes. Place of holding election, Alma's Public Building.

2d Ward.—J. W. Glass, A. W. Brock, Frank Barnes, I. Russell. Place of holding election, 2d floor Lee Mercantile Co.'s store.

3d Ward.—Henry Brewbaker, A. J. Baker, Wallace Amsbury, Sylvester Rockwell. Place of holding election, McPhie's tailor shop.

4th Ward.—S. E. Case, Edward Hannan, N. D. Lee, Chas. Taylor. Place of holding election, building formerly occupied by Davis Bros. barber shop.

The great amount of labor involved and the countless details to be looked after are being rapidly completed. The calls for registration election and ward caucuses appear in this issue. Election supplies, twelve ballot boxes and eight election booths have been ordered, and everything will be in readiness at the proper time.

Eighty million dollars worth of patent medicines were sold in the United States last year, an average of one dollar's worth a year for every man, woman and child in the country. Congressional legislation on the drug habit in the Philippines might better, like charity, begin at home.

SOME EARLY HISTORY

From the Michigan State Advocate, One of Gratiot's Early Publications.

THE VILLAGE OF ALMA IN 1869

Recalls Many Reminiscences Familiar to Some of Alma's Citizens

Today.

It is interesting just at this time to read a "Sketch of Alma" in 1869 published in the "Michigan State Advocate," a little four page paper edited by A. D. and E. G. Rust, in St. Louis, Michigan. It was sent to us by Rev. J. H. Fleming, of Saginaw, who prizes it as a keepsake.

The Alma of '69 is difficult to compare with the important position occupied by our city today in the business, educational and social world. The solid standing of our financial institutions, the soundness of our merchants who have won a reputation for their integrity and upright dealings, the enterprise of our manufacturers, our splendid transportation facilities and waterpower have been the main factors of our progress from a village of a few souls and little wooden buildings to the present newly incorporated city of Alma.

"Its first settlement was commenced in 1855-6, by Gen. Ralph Ely, who with his family was the first to remove to this point, and to whose perseverance, public spirit and large hearted liberality, its present prosperity as well as that of the country at large may in no small degree be attributable. During these seasons of security, familiarly known as "the hard times," the disinterested efforts of Gen. Ely, aided by a few others, prevented a general stampede of the inhabitants of Pine River Valley, to older and more favored regions. The village was platted in 1859 by Hon. James Gargett, who early in that year removed from Cleveland, Ohio, and became, and has continued ever since, deeply interested in its prosperity.

"Mr. Gargett has erected this season a new flouring mill, which is now nearly ready to run—three and one-half stories high, and 39 by 50 on the ground, with four runs of stones, three turbine wheels and all the modern improvements in machinery. This mill is conceded by good judges to be the best mill of its capacity, north of Jackson.

"Messrs. Pierce, Ward & Hall, a firm from the East, have recently purchased

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THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

Special Meeting Will be Held Monday Evening to Settle the Question.

THE PUPILS NEED MORE ROOM

The Proposition Meets With General Favor—Notice Appears Elsewhere in This Paper.

A special school meeting has been called for next Monday evening for the purpose of settling the question of bonding this district in the sum of \$20,000, to aid in the construction of an eight room school building on the block now owned by the district.

No one familiar with the present crowded condition at the high school will view this proposition with disfavor. The fact that we have outgrown our school building has been apparent for some time and it has now come to be a serious question of the health and future welfare of the pupils of the overcrowded rooms.

The average number of pupils in each of the 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th grades is 55, where the maximum number should be 35, an average of 20 more than there should be for each teacher. In the high school there are 90 pupils with only two teachers. True there are four high school teachers, strictly speaking, but since the 7th and 8th grades were incorporated in the high school, it leaves only two teachers under the present system. The board is ready and willing to hire a sufficient number of teachers, but there is no room. Two rooms are now being used in the old fire hall for school purposes, but they are inadequate. The lavatories are very unsanitary, the ventilation is bad, and the absence of a playground forces the children to the streets to play. If a new eight room building is erected there are enough pupils now to fill seven of them with 35 to 40 in each room, and also arranged so that the Kindergarten pupils from the west side would not be obliged to go across the river.

The school board unanimously recommends a new building, and now have in their possession blue prints of school buildings in Flint and Saginaw costing approximately \$20,000, which were secured by S. W. Tinker and F. R. Hathaway.

This district has no debts at present, and it would seem that the time is ripe for this most needed improvement.

SURPRISED HER.

Friends of Mrs. Wm. Aumaugher, Spent an Enjoyable Evening at Her Home.

Last Friday morning the lady friends to the number of thirty gathered at the home of Mrs. Wm. Aumaugher with baskets filled with good things to eat, and took her by storm. She had planned to go to Ovid that day to visit friends there. The members of the company finding it out, her husband had to be intrusted with the secret and set some plan to keep her home. They soon went to work and when night came had made four comfortable, torn and sewed eight pounds of carpet rags. Mrs. Weston took a photograph of the company.

PUPILS RECITAL

Greatly Enjoyed by a Large Attendance at College Chapel Tuesday Evening.

One of the finest recitals ever given by the pupils of the School of Music was presented in the college chapel, Tuesday evening, before as large an audience as ever gathered to listen to these musicals. The numbers on the program were well rendered and spoke high praise for the character of work being done in the musical department of our college.

The selection by the ensemble class composed of Misses Messinger, DeLong, Wallace and Dymond was listened to with rapt attention. Mr. Gusinoff appeared in a recital for the first time and proved himself as possessing wonderful ability as a violinist.

The solo numbers were especially good and called for generous applause.

Following was the program:
Sir Hal, the Squire. Mr. Henry Soule
Au Maitin. Miss Lou Evans
Prelude. Miss Nellie Wallace
The Dance of the Leaves. Miss Grace Messinger
Kamelot Ostrow. Miss Grace Dymond
Der Traum. Miss Wm. Cooper
Freisinn. Mr. Wm. Cooper
Marche Heroique. For two Pianos
Catalina. Goldie Chandler
Awake, Dear Maid. Miss Nellie Wallace
Concerto. Miss Gusinoff
The Song of the Bow. Mr. T. George Timby
Norwegian Bridal Procession. Miss DeLong
Madreina. Miss Gertrude Whitney
Miss Myrtle Black

BUSINESS MEN ORGANIZE

To Promote the Welfare of Retail Interests in Alma.

Last Thursday evening there was organized what will be known as the Alma Business Men's Association, for the purpose of promoting the welfare of the retail interests of Alma. The organization consists of practically all of the retail merchants in the city, and is officered by R. P. Lee, president; Chas. Rhodes, vice president and treasurer; Walter Caple, secretary. The executive board is Geo. E. Sharrar, Walter Caple, Chas. Delavan, R. Thompson and Milton Holmes.